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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Claim Objections

1. Claim 12 recites "the extracted backup data" (line 11-12), "the acquired registrants' telephone directory information" (line 14-15), "the telephone number" (line 23). There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

2. Claim 13 recites "the telephone number directory corresponding to the first telephone number" (line 9). There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 12 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The term "and/or" (line 29) is not clearly defined.

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4. Claim 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The term “their” (line 12) is unclear if it refers to “a registrant” (line 11).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-4, 7, 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keiko et al, and in view of Vossler (US: 6317593).

For claims 1, 7, 11, Keiko et al teach on Fig. 1-3 and paragraph 20-34, telephone number changing means to change a number in response to a request to a telephone directory of a registrant who's phone number has been registered in the phone number changer's directory.

Keiko et al teach on Fig. 17 means for confirming in advance before modification.

Keiko et al failed to teach “specify a time at which the telephone number change is to be performed”. However, Vossler teaches on column 2 line 23-41, an interface for modifying a schedule for enabling a desired cellular telephone function.

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It would have been obvious to one skilled at the time the invention was made to modify Keiko et al to have the “specify a time at which the telephone number change is to be performed” as taught by Vossler such that the modified system of Keiko et al would be able to support the system users a better function of specifying a time to change the telephone number.

Regarding claims 2, 3, 15, all rejections as stated in claim 1 above apply.

Keiko et al teach on paragraph 23-26 and Fig. 6 extracting registrants information for sending a change notification.

Regarding claims 4, Keiko et al teach on Fig. 17 means for confirming in advance before modification.

Regarding claim 8, Keiko et al teach on paragraph 26 the step 6 of Fig. 3 generating the change notification by item 5 of Fig.1 (claimed “portable telephone service provider”).

Regarding claim 10, Keiko et al teach on Fig. 8 means for reflecting telephone number difference.

Regarding claim 12, all rejections as stated in claims 1, 3, 4, 7-11 above apply.

Regarding claims 13, 14, all rejections as stated in claim 1 above apply.

Regarding “central data center”, Keiko et al teach on paragraph 17 data-storage section (claimed “central data center”) where maintains the telephone directory.

6. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keiko et al as applied in claim 8 above, and in view of Vossler and further in view of Lautenschlager et al (US: 6289091).

Keiko et al in view of Vossler as stated in claim 8 above failed to teach “a telephone number changing unit.....service provider”. However, Lautenschlager et al teach on Abstract – the directory number administration (reads on claimed “telephone service provider”) issues the change order and synchronizes the changes to the subscriber terminal (claimed “number changer”).

It would have been obvious to one skilled at the time the invention was made to modify Keiko et al in view of Vossler to have the “said telephone.....service provider” as taught by Lautenschlager et al such that the modified system of Keiko et al in view of Vossler would be able to support the notification instruction from the service provider to the system users.

Conclusion

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7. The prior art made of record and not replied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Sedlar (US: 6549916) teaches event notification system tied to a file system.

8. Any inquiry concerning this application and office action should be directed to the examiner Ming Chow whose telephone number is (703) 305-4817. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang, can be reached on (703) 305-4895. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Customer Service whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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